

Today

Jerusalem Regained.
Japan Wisely Conservative.
Germany's Kind Heart.
Squaws May Come Back.

The Turks are driven out of Jerusalem, after four hundred years of misrule. Old Richard the Lion Hearted, the old fighting monks and knights that tried, succeeded, and failed, will read this news with interest—if they read the news of earth at all.

The ancient Jerusalem of which you read was a little place that could be set down in one corner of Rock Creek Park—and leave plenty of room for other cities like it, which teaches us that it is not size but energy that counts.

Kings and emperors, barbarian kings, and more barbarous Christians have exhausted their forces against the walls of Jerusalem.

Still Jerusalem stands, and now, taken by the British, there is no doubt that it will return to the hands of those that really own and should have it.

The Japanese government says officially that it cannot send any troops to Europe to help in the fighting.

It must think over carefully the question of sending any of its big merchant fleet to help England and the other allies with provisions.

This, in its way, is good news for all nations associated with Japan in the war on Prussia. It is especially good news for England, maker of the Japanese alliance.

It means, of course, that Japan is building up her strength in order to punish with emphatic action, some time or other, that famous appeal made by Germany that Japan should join Mexico on the German side.

Here in the United States we have had all kinds of "assurances" from Japan. So we are glad to know that she is saving her men and her ships and getting stronger every day. It is a great thing to have a strong ally getting stronger every day and using up no men, ships or money.

This official statement just published, made by Brand Whitlock, to the Secretary of State when Whitlock was minister to Belgium, supplies interesting reading. It is only one little item in Whitlock's story of German "horribleness."

"During the execution of about forty inhabitants of Dinant (Belgium), the Germans placed before the condemned their wives and children. It is thus that Mme. Alin, who had given birth to a child three days previously, was brought on a mattress by German soldiers to witness the execution of her husband; her cries and supplications were so pressing that her husband's life was spared."

When Germans shot Belgians they compelled wives and children to look that they might spread the news that Germans are terrible and must be obeyed. The Germans having dragged one woman from childbed to see her husband shot, let the husband go when she shrieked and begged with sufficient energy. They regarded presumably to show how tender-hearted they could be.

These facts American soldiers will remember when they get into Germany, and American flying men will remember them when they sail over Germany. Whenever dynamite drops on German soil it will do good. Dynamite is the gentle rain that Prussia needs.

With Spain friendly to Germany, and Portugal pro-German, supplying a base for German submarines, the war will take on another phase.

But however gloomy things may look occasionally, keep this in your mind.

Unless the United States and its men have gone to pieces physically and morally, this continent cannot be conquered by a Europe divided against itself or even by Europe nominally conquered and directed by Prussia. Our left hand can hold our turbulent brother Mexico with a moderate collection of armored automobiles and a good flock of flying machines. The United States and Canada, if need be, can take care of this continent and the Hohenzollern gentlemen for the next hundred years and longer.

It might conceivably come to that. For with victorious organized brutality on land and invisible submarine murder under the water the world might possibly go back to a condition of almost permanent war, women doing the manufacturing, men the fighting.

That would help us to understand our despised brother, the red Indian, who had to spend his time fighting his fellow savage, while the squaw carried the papoose and the tepee on her back.

To get ready for that condition it would be wise to let all women vote now. That dreadful "masculinity" so much feared by the clinging vine anti-suffragist will be a useful quality when the white squaw finds herself compelled to do the hard work while the men do the fighting.

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ALLIED LINES HOLD FIRM UNDER TERRIFIC BATTERING

LIGHT CARS, ONE SYSTEM, FORD'S IDEA FOR RAILWAYS

Heavy Equipment and Jealous Management Cause of Failure of Transportation System, Manufacturer Says.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Lighter railroad equipment and a unified transportation system will solve America's railroad problems, Henry Ford declared today, in a statement to the New York Evening Mail.

Ford asserted that cars of great strength but of much less weight could be used by the roads to reduce operating costs.

"A freight car weighs as much as the load it carries," said Ford. "Generally it travels two-thirds full and comes back empty. Passenger trains weigh 50 to 150 times as much as the passengers in them."

Unified System Essential. "The railroad situation is like a man who has been so busily engaged for thirty years in working on the model of a new invention that he does not see what is going on. Now he looks up only to find that his model is out of date and not good enough."

Unified System Needed. "The United States needs one unified railroad system tying together all parts of the country. Instead we have hundreds of separate railroad companies, each looking after itself or trying to get the best of its neighbors."

Through the proxy system, control of our railroads has passed largely to bankers living in New York and other large cities. These banker-managers were like a factory owner who sits the whole time in his office without ever going into the shop to see how the work is being done.

These bankers were busy in their offices with stocks, bonds, commissions and syndicate arrangements—but who ever saw them go to a point of congestion or railroad trouble to see what was the matter with their railroad?

Trained Men Essential. "Transportation, like agriculture and manufacture, is a basic industry. Railroad management requires technically trained men, who know (Continued on Page 10, Column 3.)

DR. CHAMBERLAIN, ALLEGED SLAYER, INDICTED BY JURY

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 11.—An indictment charging Dr. A. W. Chamberlain with the murder on October 22 last, of his brother, Judge Albert P. Chamberlain, at the home of the latter in Goochland county, has been returned by the Goochland county grand jury, which was organized yesterday for the December term of Goochland county circuit court.

After a conference by counsel for the Commonwealth and the defense, Judge Rutherford announced that a special term of court would be held on January 2 for the trial of the case.

Dr. Chamberlain will remain in the Henrico county jail in this city, where he has been since his arrest six days after the murder.

The Commonwealth's contention is that after killing the aged judge, the doctor carried the body to his own home, four miles distant. That the body was there dismembered and buried piece by piece beneath fence posts on the doctor's farm.

Dr. Chamberlain is sixty-three years of age. His dead brother was sixty-four.

Generous Gift From Mr. Baruch

A Good Example to Others Temporarily Living in Washington.

With great satisfaction we announce a contribution of One Thousand Dollars received from Mr. B. M. Baruch toward the fund for the war sufferers in Europe.

Mr. Baruch contributes generously to charity in New York city, where he lives. His subscription to the Liberty bonds was for five millions. His check for One Thousand Dollars, which we shall send to the treasurer of the fund for war sufferers, comes inclosed in the following letter:

Mr. Dear Briabane: I have your telegram sent in my absence, and as a temporary resident of Washington I am glad to enclose a small check as my local contribution to the European war sufferers. I have made it out to your order; please indorse it to the treasurer of the fund.

With good wishes.

Sincerely,

B. M. BARUCH

SENATE WILL PROBE WAR AFFAIRS

The Senate Military Affairs Committee decided today to conduct a sweeping inquiry of its own into the progress which is being made in preparation for the war. It will look into the expenditures of money, the construction of cantonments, the conditions as to guns and rifles, and munitions, and, in short, will endeavor on its own account to ascertain just what the situation in the War Department is.

In order to get at the facts, the committee will conduct hearings of officials, including the Secretary of War and others high in authority. The hearings will begin just as soon as Secretary Baker can appear.

The investigations of the Military Committee, which is headed by Senator Chamberlain, promise to be highly important. They are likely to shed valuable light on the truth or the untruth of much that has been said about the conduct of war preparations by this Government and in criticism of slowness, lack of adequate energy, and so on.

Complaints Force Action. The committee held a meeting today and Senator Chamberlain later announced that in view of the many communications which members of the committee had received and also in view of the fact some of the committee had inspected camps and cantonments personally, it had been determined to investigate.

While Senator Chamberlain would not admit the probe was to find out the truth of criticisms, it is inevitable that the inquiry will go into some of the things which have been said in finding fault with the War Department. President Wilson has opposed a committee on war expenditures, but the Military Committee inquiry will cut close to the same place, so far as the War Department and the army are concerned, as the proposed war expenditures committee would.

Senator Chamberlain said large additional appropriations for the army would be needed and the committee desired to know the exact facts as to conditions in the War Department and the army as a guide to making appropriations and to possible legislation.

LA FOLLETTE HEARING IS POSTPONED AGAIN

The investigation into the alleged disloyal utterances of Senator Robert M. La Follette, Wisconsin, was postponed again today.

UNRECOVERED BODIES CAUSE NEW MENACE TO HALIFAX

Warnings Out to Guard Against Epidemic—Inquiry Begun to Determine Cause of Great Catastrophe.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11.—When Halifax awoke today to resume its work of the search for its dead, another menace was encountered—an epidemic of diseases.

Though fortunately held in check by the cold of three northeasters since the explosion of last Thursday, the many bodies yet beneath the debris are rapidly becoming a menace.

Health officials have issued drastic orders concerning the immediate burial of the dead, but the excessive cold has interfered with execution of the orders.

Warnings Issued. Warnings to guard against an epidemic have been issued by the health officials. Despite today's bitterly cold weather, every effort is being made to hasten the work of clearing the remaining mass of debris and extricating the bodies beneath.

Approximately one thousand of the thirteen hundred bodies recovered have been identified. At least two thousand additional are missing, and the number of wounded has been placed at six thousand.

Announcement was made today that the first sitting of the court inquiry to determine the cause of the explosion would be held tomorrow.

Officials say the inquiry will be drastic and will probably continue for several days.

Germans Are Held. Meanwhile, the majority of the persons of German birth or extraction arrested yesterday are being held for examination. A few, after close questioning, were released, but are expected to testify during the investigation.

Halifax was much relieved today on receipt of assurance that the Pictou, a British steamer, also laden with munitions, had been taken out to sea (Continued on Page 22, Column 2.)

PROHIBITION VOTE WILL BE REACHED IN HOUSE MONDAY

The national prohibition amendment to the Constitution will come up for consideration in the House next Monday, under unanimous agreement reached by the House today.

A record vote also is planned by House leaders.

Passage of the amendment by a two-thirds House majority would be required to place the question up to the States. The Senate having passed the resolution last session.

PRESIDENT AGAIN CUTS ALCOHOL IN BEER

Publicity was given today to the fact that President Wilson will issue tomorrow a ruling reducing the alcoholic content of all beer manufactured after January 1 to 2 1/2 per cent.

This is the second ruling made by the President since the regulation of brewed products was turned over to him by Congress. The first ruling reduced the percentage of alcohol to 3 per cent.

Beer manufactured under the ruling made public today will be more than 96 per cent water.

HAD BEEN TRANSFERRED FROM JACOB JONES

James Francis McManus, Charleston, Mass., originally listed as a member of the crew of the torpedoed destroyer Jacob Jones, had been transferred to another vessel before the disaster, the Navy Department was advised today.

HIS CHRISTMAS LIST

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WILL HE GIVE NEEDLESS GIFTS?



OR WILL HE GIVE NEEDED ONES?

WORK OF BULLETS TO BE SHOWN JURY AT MEANS' TRIAL

COURT HOUSE, CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 11.—Whizzing bullets are to be used today in the case against Gaston B. Means, charged with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King. Capt. William A. Jones, pistol expert of the New York police department, will take the witness stand in rebuttal for the State. With a .25-caliber Colt automatic revolver he will make demonstrations of shooting for the jury. A heavy plank, steel backed, will be set up for Captain Jones to shoot into.

Mrs. Gaston B. Means took the stand in her husband's behalf. She is a rather timid little woman with a break in her voice. She was evidently under considerable strain, but held up well as she told of her acquaintance of many years with Mrs. King. She also corroborated her husband's testimony concerning the business relations between the defendant and Mrs. King. She also declared her husband, to her knowledge, had paid the \$25,000 note which he had given to Mrs. King.

Chief of Police Robinson was the first witness. He merely corroborated the testimony given by Afton Means several days ago.

The defense rested at 12:17 p. m. with the proviso that two additional witnesses may be examined later if they arrive.

The evidence may be concluded today. There will be at least two days of argument. The defense has nine attorneys, and there are no restrictions upon the length of time they shall speak. But three attorneys for the State will speak. If the arguments can be confined to a day and a half the jury will undoubtedly have the case in its hands by Thursday night or Friday morning.

Republic of Judea Near—Zangwill

"Thirteen million Jews throughout the world look today to Jerusalem—the Holy City restored. What could be more fitting than a Jewish nation reborn after centuries of Jewish travail."

"I would call it the Republic of Judea, or of Israel. It would be an autonomous separate nation. But I would have it temporarily under protection of some great world power—England, the United States, or perhaps all the allies combined."

"My plan would not be to bring to Jerusalem the Jews who have prospered throughout the world. Rather I would have drawn to the new capital and the new nation the oppressed Jews of other nations—Statement by Israel Zangwill, in London today.

THIRTEEN HANGED FOR HOUSTON RIOT; MANY GO TO JAIL

FORT SAM HOUSTON, SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 11.—Thirteen negro soldiers were hanged today for participation in the Houston riot on August 2. Forty-one were given life sentences in Federal prison, one a sentence of two years and six months, and three sentences of two years. Five were acquitted.

The findings of the court had been withheld until after the executions had taken place to prevent the President being deluged with petitions for clemency.

Is Fuel Administration Warm? Sure It Is! Warm As Toast

Washington householders may shiver and scrape the bottoms of their bins fruitlessly, but the steam pipes at the old Gordon Hotel, in Sixteenth street, where the fuel administration is housed, are scorching hot and the stokers are busy plying their shovels.

Officials of the administration were emphatic today in denying a rumor that the icy temperature of the building yesterday was due to failure on the part of the powers that be to provide sufficient fuel. The whole trouble was due to the big double doors in the basement being propped open for more than an hour while heavy equipment was being moved into the building. It was explained.

To prove the assertion that the fuel administration, at least, is able to get coal, a pile containing about a carload, enough to last a month, was shown in the basement.

PALESTINE WILL BE RESTORED TO JEWS, IS VIEW OF RABBIS

Palestine will now be restored to the Jews and the Jews will govern it as a nation, is the prediction of Rabbi George Silverstone, made today in this city.

The fall of the Czar was the first step in restoring Palestine to the Jews. Now that the Holy City has fallen into the hands of the allies, Rabbi Silverstone, oldest Hebrew scholar in Washington, and one of the first delegates to the Zionist Congress, said that the Jews would come into their own and Palestine flourish as a Jewish nation.

Rabbi Silverstone is the writer of eleven books on religion and philosophy, his most widely read books being "Bible Made," "Talmud Yekim," and "Mosaic Drama." These books are in the Congressional Library.

More Than Hopeful. "We are more than hopeful that the fall of Jerusalem means the land will be turned back to the Jewish nation. We think that the big significant feature of this world war is that the Jewish people will become a nation."

"The Zionist movement held a big meeting in Washington last Sunday under the auspices of the Mizrachi, which is the movement that aims to restore the old orthodox religion in Palestine."

Jewish scholars throughout the world believe that it was the hand of God that directed the fall of the Czar of Russia, the bitterest opponent of the Jewish race.

Fall of Czar First Step. "Now that Palestine has fallen we can see that the downfall of the Czar was the first step in the movement that will restore Palestine to the Jews."

Rabbi Silverstone said that there is rejoicing throughout the land. In New York 1,500,000 Jews have already raised the cry that Palestine be restored. He said that 500,000 in Chicago, 100,000 in Philadelphia, and 10,000 in Baltimore are working to restore Jerusalem.

The first world congress of the movement was held about twenty years ago, said the rabbi. It was held in Basel, Switzerland. "I was a rabbi in Belfast, Ireland, at the time and attended as a delegate from that country," he added.

The Rev. Abram Simon, rabbi of the Washington Hebrew Congregation, said:

"The fall of Jerusalem is a source of great rejoicing to Jew and Gentile alike. The whole of Palestine has suffered from the inefficiency—political and military—of the Ottoman Empire. Gen. Fehle Garibaldi, who follows

GERMANS SEEK WEAK PLACE FOR BIG DRIVE

Artillery Activity, Airplane Observations, and Local Raids Indicate Enemy Preparing for Gigantic Offensive.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 11.—Fighting in the streets of Moscow between Bolsheviks and members of the Kaledine-Korai-off revolutionists is in progress, according to advices from Haparanda.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—Field Marshal Haig's battle front report today gave further emphasis to the belief that Germany is seeking a weak spot in the western line.

He reported "south of the Scarpe and north of the Lys, particularly, unusual aerial and artillery activity yesterday."

"Heavy shelling" at a number of localities was reported.

German Raid Repulsed. East of Epervy, he said, the enemy attempted to raid one post under cover of a heavy bombardment, but were repulsed. At other points on the Cambrai front there were patrol encounters in which British forces displayed courage and skill.

The report was in line with the general belief here of Germany's preparations for a grand offensive. The aerial activity indicated an attempt to seek out British positions and disposition of forces, the artillery showed preliminary hunting out of weak spots, and the raids were of the sort which one side employs constantly prior to an attack to ascertain exactly what forces oppose them.

ANGLO-FRENCH FORCES TAKE STRONG POSITIONS ON ITALIAN FRONT

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Anglo-French forces established themselves at all vulnerable positions possible on the Italian front.

The British troops occupy the Montello hills which position is the last defensive bulwark in the way of the Teutonic descent of the east side of Monte Tabor.

The French divisions have taken over one of the most dangerous sectors of the entire Italian line.

BRITISH-FRENCH-ITALIAN TROOPS STRENGTHEN LINES FOR Foe ASSAULT IN ALPS

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN ITALY, Dec. 11.—British and French troops today are duplicating on the Italian front the impregnable British and French trench lines on the west front, while Germany and Austria prepare their greatest of all assaults to break through. The geographic advantages are with the enemy.

The Austro-Germans now occupy the crest and the southern slopes of the Alps. Their positions completely dominate the entire Venetian and Lombardy plains. Every movement of the Italian, French, and British armies on the flat ground is plainly visible to the enemy.

The Brenas, Piave, Adige, and other valleys traverse the Alps and furnish doorways for an invasion which are exceedingly difficult of defense.

Behind the enemy lines the Alps are traversed east and west by roadways permitting rapid transfer of troops and materials for sudden, changing attacks. They furnish great arteries of communication from east to west of the Piave—or even from west of Lake Garda.

Any success on an attack like the present one on the Asiago plateau would force immediate abandonment of the Piave line. It would mean a retreat by the Italians either to the Adige or the Po.

Press Hold Alpine Passes. Not only does the actual battle line contour thus favor the enemy, but Germany and Austria both possess the easiest and most direct Alpine passes for the line of communication back home. One of these is the historic Brenner path—between Innsbruck and Trent. It was over this highway that the German armies crossed and invaded the Venetian plains during Middle Age conflicts between Germany and the Papacy.

The French and British veterans have taken over vulnerable sectors of the Italian lines. They have already made themselves almost at home. Their trenches and dugouts are made exactly along the lines of those from which British and French troops held the German invasion into Belgium and France to a standstill.